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On Monday, May 1, 2006 Wisconsin's Attorney General Peg A. Lautenschlager presented a check to the Milwaukee Fire Department for \$10,000. The monies will be used for fire prevention education in the city of Milwaukee.

The Milwaukee Fire Department is committed to the goals of reducing fire fatalities in the city. In the last 20 years the city has seen annual fire fatalities between 31 (1987) and four (1998). In 2005 the city had 16 fire fatalities. The Milwaukee Fire Department strives to make this number ZERO.

The Milwaukee Fire Department uses programs like F.O.C.U.S. (Firefighters Out Creating Urban Safety), The Survive Alive House, Project Zero and other projects to educate the public in fire safety. In one example the Survive Alive House had over 15,000 students go through the class on home fire safety in 2005.

The fire department, in 2005 also installed over 1200 smoke detectors free of charge to city residents. The fire department feels it is imperative that every residential unit in the city have a WORKING smoke detector. Since January 1, 2004 there has been 29 fire fatalities in the city of these 25 (86.2%) were in residential units where there were either no smoke detectors present or the detector was non-operational.

Milwaukee Firefighters are dedicated to fire prevention and education. This donation will enable our personnel to continue effective fire safety campaigns.

The monies came from a fund in the Department of Justice that collects forfeitures from companies or organizations that have had legal actions brought against them. Some monies due to the case are designated for certain issues and other go into a general fund that is available to the Attorney General. None of this money comes from tax dollars.

If any media outlet would like to have an interview with a department member relating to these issues, or any other fire safety issues, please feel free to call Lieutenant Brian O'Connor at (414) 286-8968.

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